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"A Chicago legend and deservedly so." —*the Chicago Tribune*

"Slice of Heaven. . . this cheesecake is perfection on a plate." —*Oprah Winfrey*

"Eli's Cheesecake, long celebrated in Chicago and now nationwide." —*Parade* magazine

"A Chicago institution and a world wide ambassador of the City's culinary scene." —**City of Chicago Mayors Office**

"Guaranteed to satisfy the most ardent chocolate fan." —*Cooks Magazine*

"King of Cheesecake." —*Chicago Sun-Times*

"It's the best. . . it's like deep dish pizza except sweet." —**Roe Conn, 89 WLS Radio, ABC7's Windy City Live**

"Chicago's #1 Cheesecake." —*NewCity*

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